

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 16 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 16.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification, Fig. 16, and claim 1 are amended. No new matter is added.

The specification and Fig. 16 are amended to improve clarity and to correct reference numbers. For example, projections 15 and 16 are clarified as die projections 15 and roller projections 16 to avoid confusion. Additionally, elements 31, 32 in Fig. 16 are changed to 27, 28 for consistency with Fig. 7 and to avoid confusion with like numbered elements in Fig. 18. No new matter is added.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Morrow during the July 31, August 1 and August 3 telephone interviews. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interviews is incorporated into the following remarks.

During the July 31, August 1 and August 3 telephone conferences with Examiner Morrow, it was confirmed that the Supplemental Amendment would be entered and considered. During the interviews, JP2002-146087, recently identified by the Examiner, was also discussed. Applicant was requested to provide his remarks in writing.

JP2002-146087 fails to disclose or teach a long ornament member having at least one of plural convex ridges and plural concave grooves extending along at least one of a longitudinal direction and a lateral direction that crosses the longitudinal direction, and wherein the concave grooves are interrupted or deformed by the plurality of projection portions at irregular positions as recited in independent claim 1 and similarly recited in independent claims 25 and 26. These features allow the long ornament member to have an appearance more like a woven cloth fabric (see Applicants' page 4, line 4 to page 5, line 4).

JP2002-146087 achieves a decorative effect through the size of the spherical recesses as shown in the Figures. One of ordinary skill in the art would not have been led to modify such a structure to add plural convex ridges or concave grooves extending along a

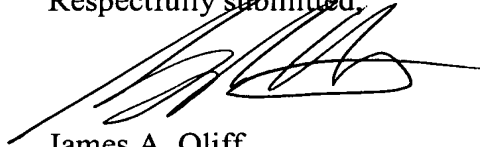
longitudinal or lateral direction because this reference teaches that the decorative effect is achieved through the selection and arrangement of the spherical recesses on the surface. Moreover, JP2002-146087 fails to appreciate or recognize any advantage to such a configuration and fails to teach to one of ordinary skill in the art how to achieve the appearance of a woven cloth through use of plural longitudinal or cross-direction convex ridges or concave grooves. Thus, the combination of features in independent claims 1, 25 and 26 and claims dependent therefrom are non-obvious.

Additionally, JP2002-146087 fails to disclose or teach a long ornament member having at least one of plural longitudinal convex ridges and plural longitudinal concave grooves continuously extending in parallel on a surface of a forming part, and heating of microcapsules as recited in independent claims 33 and 34. These features may also allow the long ornament member to have an appearance more like a woven cloth fabric. Again, JP2002-146087 fails to appreciate or recognize any advantage to such a configuration and fails to teach to one of ordinary skill in the art how to achieve the appearance of a woven cloth through use of plural longitudinal or cross-direction convex ridges or concave grooves and heated microcapsules. Thus, the combination of features in independent claims 33 and 34 are non-obvious.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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